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EIU SELECTS COLBERT

CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Charles C. Colbert has been selected from 105 applicants as the new Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Eastern Illinois University.

Dr. Robert Kindrick, Eastern's Vice-President for Academic Affairs, said "I'm very happy to have Dr. Colbert join the Eastern team, he's a professional whose expertise and 'can do' attitude will be invaluable assets." Colbert replaces Margaret Soderberg who resigned last summer to accept the position of VPAA at Adams State College.

Colbert, who holds a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Georgia, is currently an Associate Professor at Emporia (Kansas) State University. Prior to joining the

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Emporia staff in 1978, he had been Administrative Assistant in the Office of the President at the University of Georgia. From 1974-75 he served as a Rockefeller Fellow at Indiana State University.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the American Association for Higher Education, Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, Rotary International, Southeastern Psychological Association and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Emporia.

His wife, Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, is a clinical psychologist.

Colbert, who has visited the Eastern campus several times, says he has been very impressed by the faculty, staff, administrators, and the local community and is looking forward to his June move to Coles County.

According to Dr. Jon Laible, Dean of Eastern's College of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the screening committee, the search for the new AVPAA began early last fall. The committee narrowed the 105 candidates down to a dozen in January and then four finalists were interviewed on campus last month. In addition to Colbert, candidates were from Northeastern Illinois University, Northwest Missouri University, and Slippery Rock University.

Dean Laible said, "The screening committee agreed that we were fortunate to have a very strong pool of candidates from which to select our finalist. Dr. Colbert has background and experience that closely meet the requirements of the position."